



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 366

By Representative McDonald

and

Senator Roberts

A RESOLUTION to recognize Judith Ann Wheeler on the occasion of her Retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers to provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Wheeler, Director of Instruction for the Sumner County school system, is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-six years of meritorious service to the children of Sumner County, Judy Wheeler has recently announced she will be taking a much deserved retirement at the end of this school year; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and greatly admired by principals and teachers across Sumner County, Judy Wheeler was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and grew up along the Tennessee-Kentucky border, residing in Bowling Green and Russellville, Kentucky and later Clarksville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Austin Peay State University, Judy Wheeler began her teaching career in Illinois, where she taught for three years before returning to Clarksville to pursue a master of psychology degree at Austin Peay, while teaching undergraduate classes and working in a psychology clinic; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Judy Wheeler accepted a position with Sumner County Schools coordinating the system's federal programs and working closely with teachers and students every day to find the best resources for their classrooms and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Judy Wheeler was named to her current position of Director of Instruction, replacing her mentor and Sumner County Schools legend, Charlie Wright, who had originally interviewed her for her first position with the system; and

WHEREAS, during her thirteen-year tenure, she has guided the school system through a number of changes, including the major education reform efforts of No Child Left Behind and Race to the Top, as well as changes in the Director of Schools position; and

WHEREAS, during all this time, Judy Wheeler has never lost her firm belief that all students deserve the very best opportunities to learn and that schools must provide a safe, open environment to do so; and

WHEREAS, Judy Wheeler has won the hard earned respect of her peers, who revere her loving spirit and commitment to making each and every school in Sumner County the best it can possibly be; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her family, including her three children, Robert, Amanda, and Ben; her daughter-in-law, Beth; her future son-in-law, Allen; and her two grandsons, Graham and Isaac; and

WHEREAS, Judy Wheeler truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated professional who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,


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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Judith Ann Wheeler on her distinguished career in education and commend her many years of distinguished service to the children of Tennessee, as we extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

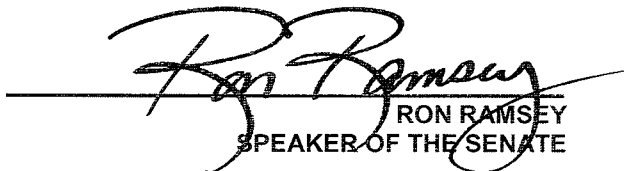
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 11, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR